

**REMARKS**

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

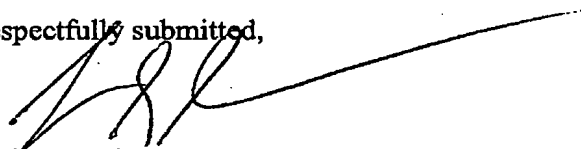
Before addressing the issues raised in the present Office Action, applicants acknowledge, with thanks, the Examiner's indication that Claims 10-13 are allowable, if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim. The remaining elected claims, i.e., Claims 1-9 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as allegedly obvious from the combined disclosures of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0173580 to Coolbaugh, et al. and U.S. Patent No. 4,549,927 to Groth, et al. Applicants observe that non-elected Claims 15-20 have been withdrawn by the Examiner.

In order to expedite prosecution of the present application, applicants have cancelled the non-elected and withdrawn Claims 15-30 in this Response. Applicants have also amended Claim 1 to include the features recited in original Claim 10. Since the features of Claim 10 have been added to Claim 1, applicants have also cancelled original Claim 10 in this Response. Applicants further observe that since amended Claim 1 now includes the allowable features of Claim 10, Claims 1-9 and 11-14 are also allowable.

No comments concerning the obviousness rejection citing Coolbaugh, et al. and Groth are made herein. However, applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application and/or a divisional application directed to remaining subject matter in this application.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is firmly believed that the present case is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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